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A graph showing a function  $f$  decreasing from positive infinity to negative infinity. The function is decreasing on the interval  $(-\infty, 0)$  and increasing on the interval  $(0, \infty)$ . The graph consists of two branches: a decreasing branch on the left and an increasing branch on the right, both approaching the same horizontal asymptote at  $y = -1$ .

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